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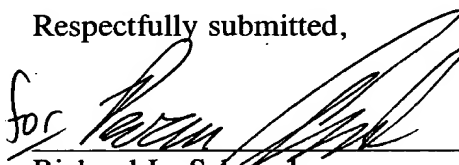
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In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-9, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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